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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection Advisory Board met on October 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the BER Meeting Room, 201 North Chestnut St. Winston-Salem, NC and via online meeting, through the Microsoft Teams platform.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent S. Rockett Nicole Chiles Gayle Goldsmith
Reid Hutchins Joe Mannuzza Charles Wilson
Susan Appt

FCOEAP PRESENT: Minor Barnette Peter Lloyd Steven Lyda
Valerie Shores

I. Call to Order

Ms. Chiles called the meeting to order. Mr. Barnette announced a roll call to verify the attendance, virtually and in-person, of the Advisory Board members.

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II. Approval of the July 18, 2023 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Chiles opened the discussion for a motion to approve the July 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Goldsmith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Hutchins seconded the motion. All members in attendance approved. The motion passed.

III. Director's Update

Mr. Barnette updated the Advisory Board about the recent staff changes. The Senior Office Assistant position was recently filled by a county employee from another department. The Data Specialist and the Senior Environmental Specialist positions are currently vacant. Mr. Barnette commented that compared to the past, there are not many qualifying applications coming in for the more specialized positions in FCOEAP.

Mr. Barnette discussed two grant awards. The first was an award of \$85,000 via an American Rescue Plan Act grant. This was distributed through the EPA, directly to the FCOEAP. The funds were used to buy two continuous particulate matter monitors. These monitors will provide backup, and the FCOEAP can minimize any loss or interruption in data capture in the air monitoring network. Also, under an Inflation Reduction Act-funded Clean Air Act grant program, FCOEAP was awarded \$52,000 with which we will purchase an analyzer for oxides of nitrogen and a multi-gas dilution calibrator.

Mr. Barnette informed the Advisory Board about photovoltaic projects located at the Health and Human Services Campus and at the Forsyth County Government Center.

Mr. Barnette presented a slide show of properties in Forsyth County that are in the process of getting cleaned up, as well as a construction site for a business that was issued a civil penalty for open burning during a burn ban.

IV. Other Business

Mr. Barnette confirmed there was no other business.

V. Next Tentative Quarterly Meeting:

The next tentative meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2024.

Location: BER Meeting Room, 201 North Chestnut St. Winston-Salem, N.C. and via online Microsoft Teams platform.

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Chiles entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Goldsmith motioned to adjourn. Mr. Hutchins seconded the motion. Ms. Chiles asked for a voice vote to signify all in favor to adjourn the meeting. All members agreed to the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Dated: Wm Barnette 11/16/24 Minor Barnette, Director

Approved: Brent S. Rockett Brent S. Rockett, Chairman